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Honorable Birch Bayh, Chairman
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter of 15 September (Q#4729) regarding the allegation communicated by Dr. Robert Eisler that CIA was responsible for the assassination of Che Guevara in October 1967. As your letter indicates, Dr. Eisler wrote to Admiral Turner on 16 August 1977 alluding to a specific involvement by CIA in Latin America and invited the Director or a representative to meet with him to discuss it. An Agency representative met with Dr. Eisler on 29 August, and Dr. Eisler related a story apparently similar to what he has told the Committee staff. On 1 September 1977, another Agency representative contacted Mrs. Lee, who stated in essence, that she never advised Dr. Eisler that her former husband was with CIA, and could not recall ever mentioning the Che Guevara matter.

Mrs. Lee's former husband, Claude W. Cooper, is a retired Army Lieutenant Colonel. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Further, it can be flatly stated that CIA was not responsible for Che Guevara's death. We would be happy to brief Members of the Committee or staff on the events surrounding Guevara's death as we know them.

Sincerely,

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Frank C. Carlucci

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